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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Art Unit 1724

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Serial No. 09/574,456 :

Filed May 19, 2000 : Primary Examiner Ivars C. Cintins

For: **METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF NANO-SIZED PATHOGENS FROM LIQUIDS**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A Petition to extend the period for responding to the above-described Office Action by two (2) months from December 26, 2001 to February 26, 2002 has been submitted with this Response. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 10, lines 9 and 24, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

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--One hundred liters of water to be used as influent is dechlorinated and sterilized and stored in a 30 gallon carboy set on top of a stirring plate. The MS-2 bacteriophage (ATCC# 15597B) is seeded into the influent as the influent is mixed with a 2 in. by ½ in. stir bar stirred by the stirring plate set on maximum speed. The target concentration in the influent, based on the dilution from a concentrated stock, is 5×10^8 MS-2 bacteriophages per liter. A 50 ml sample of influent is collected into a 50 ml graduated conical centrifuge tube for assay of MS-2. Once the seeded influent water is passed through the test unit for 1 hour at the prescribed flow rate